



# CFOS Newsletter

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE CAPE FEAR ORCHID SOCIETY



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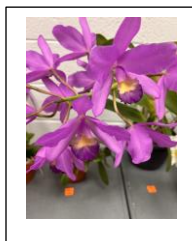
*All About Raffles*

### NOVEMBER BRINGERS

**(WHO BRINGS SNACKS)**

**Snack:** Nancy Wetherington,  
**Drink:** Linda Swanson.

Remember to clean up the area you were sitting in and see where else needs attention. Thanks.  
Signup sheet for 2023 will be circulated soon.



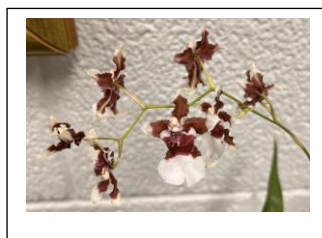
### NEXT MEETING

**7:00 PM NOVEMBER 16**

NC Cooperative Extension  
and ARBORETUM  
6206 Oleander Dr,  
Wilmington NC 28403

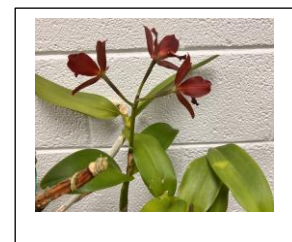
6:30 Doors Open for Plant Sales, Raffle Ticket Sales and Show Table set up

7:00 Meeting Starts. Topic is Video: Orchid Dividing Demonstration



### CLUB OFFICERS

President: John Wetherington  
Vice President: **We Need You**  
Treasurer: Laura Overstreet  
Secretary: Linda Swanson  
AOS Rep: April Saas  
Member at Large: Kat McGrath  
Past President: Pam Layne



# Minutes General Meeting - October 12, 2022

President John Wetherington began the meeting by welcoming the membership and reminding all to patronize the raffle table.

John welcomed 2 guests, Dawn Hoback and Bill Glover, both of whom joined the organization.

The president explained that the minutes to the last meeting had been published in the newsletter. As there were no issues or comments the minutes were accepted by acclamation.

Treasurer Laura Overstreet reported the club's balance and the Treasurer's Report was accepted by acclamation. Laura added that she and Pam would be attending the Fayetteville Clubs Growers Day and that two more people were welcome to carpool with them. This is always an interesting day with nice plants available. The cost is \$40.

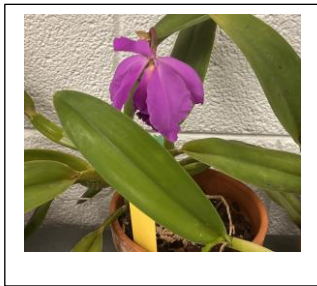
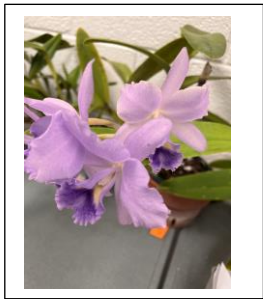
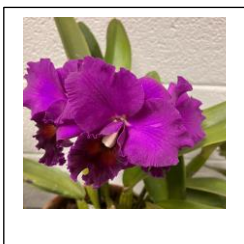
President John reported that CFOS won the Best Visiting Society Award at the Triangle Show. The award included a check for \$100. Jon and Tyler reported that 33 plants were entered, and 14 ribbons were won. Paula Paye, Jon Ibasco, and Tyler Gooch had plants awarded. John thanked Jon, Tyler, and Paula for their work putting together the exhibit.

President John mentioned that the New Hanover 4H was sponsoring a Pumpkin Palooza on October 15 and the cost would be \$25 per carful.

John then introduced the speaker, Brenda Oviette.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Swanson, Recording Secretary

2023 meeting Dates
January 11
February 15
March 15
April 12
May 10
June 14
July 12
August 16
September 13
October 11
November 15
December 6



All pictures by the editor and Pam Layne

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

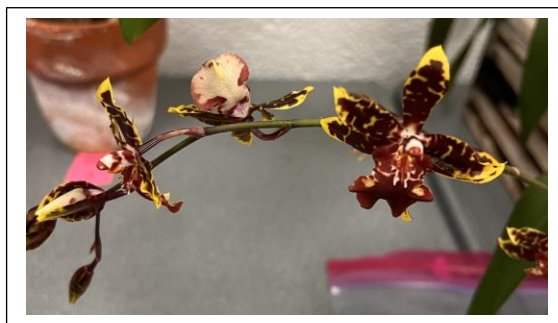
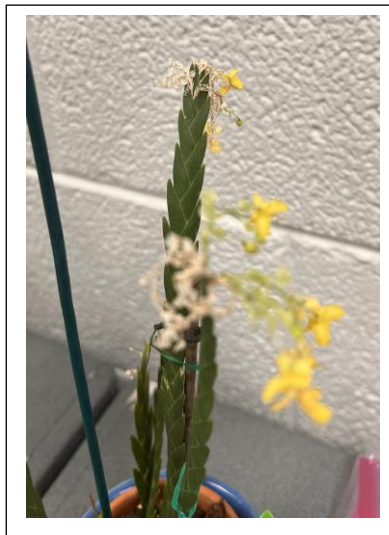
Here it is the end of October and it's still 75 degrees outside! But there have been enough 50-degree nights that most of us have brought all our warm weather orchids inside - or at least thought seriously about it. Most orchids can deal with temperatures in the 50s, but not much lower. I'm still waiting for my Cymbidiums to spike.

We have a full schedule for our meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>. In a Webinar, Jason Fischer from Orchids Limited & OrchidWeb in Plymouth, MN will go over dividing orchids with various techniques and tools.

We will also have officer selections for next year with nominations from the floor. We are especially looking for a Vice President. Help if you can.

Happy Fall Y'all

John W



# Stability

By April Tobiassen Sass

American Orchid Society Representative

An often-unconsidered importance for hobbyist growers is that of physical plant and root stability. Many of the orchids found in home collections are naturally epiphytes, spending their entire lives attached to other plants. They have no need for traditional soil and will use the host plant as an anchor without being parasitic or harming it along the way. Orchid roots attach themselves with tiny microfilaments that are very fragile and easily torn. These micro roots are very important to the health of the plant, in addition to adhesion, in terms of water and nutrient intake and even photosynthesis.

In the case of home cultivation, we have to do our best to mimic their natural environment. In Southeastern North Carolina not many orchids can grow on trees that are outside year-round. We often use bark, sphagnum, cork, tree fern, coconut fiber, or branches as host media for the roots to adhere to as they would in nature. No matter the media, the roots must be stable in order for orchids to truly prosper.

For potted orchids, there are special pins that can be purchased that will clip onto the pot after sliding through the media and snugging the roots gently until they are stabilized. Some plants may need more than one. Before I started using clips on my potted orchids, I always feared repotting them because there seemed to be an inevitable setback and root loss. Stabilizing with pins has made a huge difference. I don't mind repotting anymore because I don't have those issues.

Mounted orchids and their aerial roots want stability too. If they are living in nature, they will prosper once fully attached and positioned in an opportunistic spot. I have seen attachments to mounts with monofilament, string, twist-ties, staples, and even pantyhose. Any material that offers stable attachment to the mount without damaging the micro roots or reacting with the plant should do the job.

Taking the time to consider the stability of your specimens will surely increase your growing success.

## Nice To Know About

## AOS Webinars

Tuesday, November 8th @ 830pm, Greenhouse Chat: Orchid Q&A, w/ Ron McHatton, OPEN TO ALL

Sunday, November 13th @ 2pm, Disas: Flowers of the Rainbow, W/ Michael Tibbs, AOS MEMBERS ONLY

December Webinar Winter Break. Choose your topic from recorded webinars



## INTRODUCING OUR NOVEMBER SPEAKER

### And other things you need to know

Our November 16<sup>th</sup> program will be a recorded webinar which aired on 10/29/22. Jason Fischer from Orchids Limited & OrchidWeb in Plymouth, MN goes over dividing orchids with various techniques and tools. Where does one divide? When should one consider dividing an orchid? Which pseudobulbs do you keep or discard? There are many styles of dividing based on the genera of orchid, and Jason will cover the most common asked questions when it comes to making divisions, or simply trimming back your plants. The orchids that were divided include: Cattleya, Paphiopedilum, Phragmipedium, Neofinetia, Oncidium, Cymbidium, Masdevallia and Stanhopea. This is a long program so come early and get your blooming orchids set-up on the Show Table and purchase your Raffle tickets so we can get started on time.

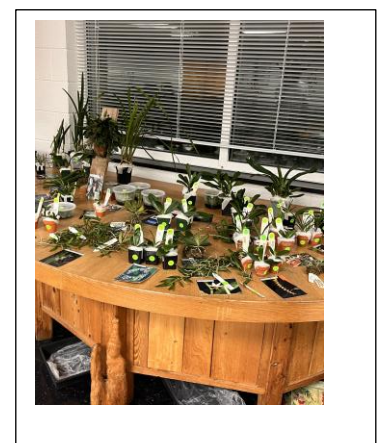
<https://plymouthmag.com/flower-lover%E2%80%99s-haven-orchids-limited>

Also, at the meeting there will be a quick vote on the officers for 2023. Nominations can come from the floor but make sure the person is willing to hold that office before nominating them. As of now we have John Wetherington/President, Laura Overstreet/Treasurer, and Linda Swanson/Secretary. We are in need of a Vice President. **The club cannot continue without a full slate of officers. Per our By-laws the President can only hold the office for a period of 2 years, this will be John's second year.** By electing a VP now, they have the opportunity to "learn the ropes" before becoming President. Please let Pam Layne or John Wetherington know if you are willing to step-up to this crucial position. If people don't volunteer for these positions, then there won't be a club in 2024, and what a shame that would be.

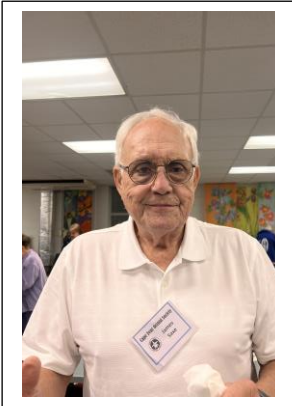
December 7<sup>th</sup> will be our **Christmas Party and Potluck** at the Lutheran Church of Reconciliation, 7500 Market St., Wilmington, and will start at 6 p.m. Think about what you can do to help. We will need someone in charge of organizing the food as well as someone in charge of decorating.



Gifts from our  
October Speaker  
Brenda Oviette



MEET OUR MEMBERS WITH A FUN FACT

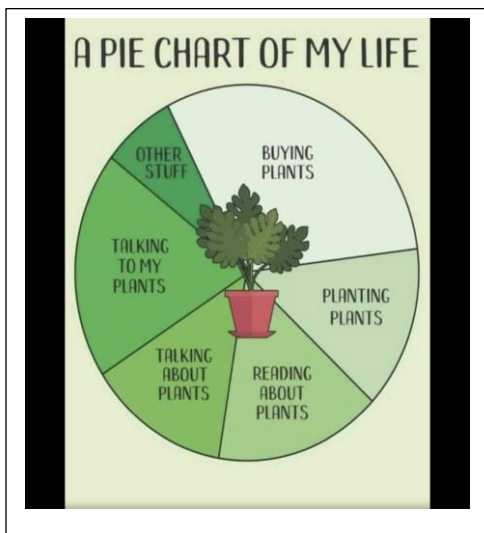


Meet Jim Saxe. Jim started his orchid collection many years ago with surplus orchids donated to Good Shepherd Ministries by Trader Joes!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Dec 7 - Holiday Party - at the Church. Volunteer and Sign up at November meeting  
 Jan 14 - Webinar at the Arboretum. Native Orchids of NC. Also "Grower of the Year" award presentation

ORCHID HUMOR



CFOS COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

AOS Representative - April Tobiassen Saas  
 Webmaster - Andrew Price  
 Newsletter Editor - Kat McGrath  
 Hospitality Chair - Christine Brueck  
 Big Blooming Orchid Day - Laura Overstreet  
 Program Chair - Pam Layne  
 Publicity Chair - Christine Brueck  
 Show Table Coordinator - Jane Ranney  
 Raffle Table - Paula Paye  
 Auditor - Martha Conner

**Tidewater Camellia Club**

**FALL FESTIVAL CELEBRATION AND SALE**  
**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2022**  
 AT THE NEW HANOVER COUNTY ARBORETUM  
 6206 OLEANDER DRIVE WILMINGTON, NC

- CAMELLIA SALE 12PM - UNTIL SOLD OUT
- CAMELLIA BLOOM DISPLAY 12-3PM
- CAMELLIA COLLEGE - TIPS AND TRICKS
- ARBORETUM TOURS - 1PM & 2:30PM
- CHILDREN'S TEA PARTY 1PM & 2PM (SIGNUP)
- CHILDREN'S STORYTIME 1:30&2:30 (SIGNUP)
- CHILDREN'S SCAVENGER HUNT - SELF GUIDED
- JAPANESE TEA CEREMONY DISPLAY
- MOMMIEZ FOOD TRUCK 12-3PM

AND MUCH MORE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

SIGN UP: [WWW.TIDEWATERCAMELLIACLUB.ORG](http://WWW.TIDEWATERCAMELLIACLUB.ORG)  
 FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK! [TIDEWATERCAMELLIACLUB](https://www.facebook.com/TIDEWATERCAMELLIACLUB)

# RAFFLE RAMBLINGS

*By Paula Paye*

ed note: For gremlin reasons unknown to me, but obviously due to a massive slip of my old arthritic hands, I omitted the RAFFLE RAMBLINGS article from October's newsletter. You are being treated to both in this issue.

## OCTOBER 2022

Happy Fall, y'all.

Time to move the green babies inside. We will gladly accept your overstock for the raffle table. This also includes supplies!

Many thanks to last month's supporters of the Raffle Table.

Pam Layne - Maxillaria tenuifolia divisions

Laura Overstreet - Miltassia Sweet Senorita

Nancy Wetherington - NOID Cattleya + Christmas Cactus

Jon & Tyler - Nursery grade fertilizer x 2

Unknown contributor - Two Rose of Sharon potted plants. Please let us know at the next meeting who you are so we can properly thank you.

Karen, Mary and Ro - Adorable Mini -Phal

As always, if you were a lucky winner please reach out to these generous donors for any questions about your new acquisition.

Happy Growing,  
Paula Paye

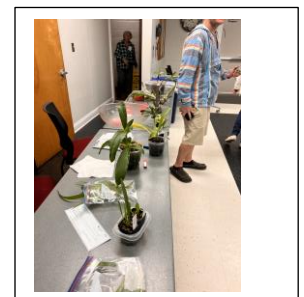
## NOVEMBER 2022

As Thanksgiving approaches it is simply a time to reflect and be grateful for family, friends, and Raffle Table Donors!

In addition to our annual fundraiser and membership dues, proceeds from the raffle table help fund our Speakers and other Club events throughout the year. It is also a fantastic way to grow your Orchid collection!

Many thanks to all who have donated this past year. Looking forward with anticipation for future offerings.

With a grateful heart,  
Paula Paye



# October Show Table Winners

## Best in Show Table - Standard Size Plants (over 10 inches tall or wide)

	<u>Plant</u>	<u>Owner</u>
<b>Standard Size Best in Show Table -</b>		
First	Vanda Kultana Blue Tesselate Blue	Kelly Smith
Second	tie Pot Burana Beauty 'Burana' HCC/AOS Ctsm Jumbo Longan	Pamela Layne Jon & Tyler

## **Class Winners - Standard Size**

### **Cattleya/Br/LC alliance**

First tie	BLC Crispin Rozales 'Costa' x B. Aristocrat 'Snowy Owl' Burana Beauty 'Burana' HCC/AOS	Steve & Karen Tobiassen Pamela Layne
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### **Dendrobium**

First	Den. 1 (don't find an entry)	
Second	Dendrobium Blue Spin	Joyce Pennock

### **Gongora/Cyno/Stanhopia Alliance**

First	Ctsm Jumbo Longan	Jon & Tyler
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### **Miltonia Alliance**

First	Miltonia Kibet 'Belle Glade'	Nancy Wetherington
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### **Oncidium/Odon/Brassia Alliance**

First	Oncidium 'Heaven Scent'	Laura Overstreet
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### **Phalanopsis**

First	Doritis pulcherrima var champorensis	Jon & Tyler
Second	Doritis pulcherrima var champorensis	Laura Overstreet

### **Unusual/Rare**

First	No entry	
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### **Vanda/Ascocendra/Aerides Alliance**

First	Kultana Blue Tesselate Blue	Kelly Smith
Second	Vanda Pakchong Blue	Nancy Wetherington

## Best in Show Table - Miniature to Small Size Plants (under 10 inches wide or tall)

### **Miniature to Small Size Best in Show Table - k**

First	Aerangis Biloba x sib	Steve & Karen Tobiassen
Second	Tolumnia ( no entry)	

## **Class Winners - Mini**

### **Tolumnia**

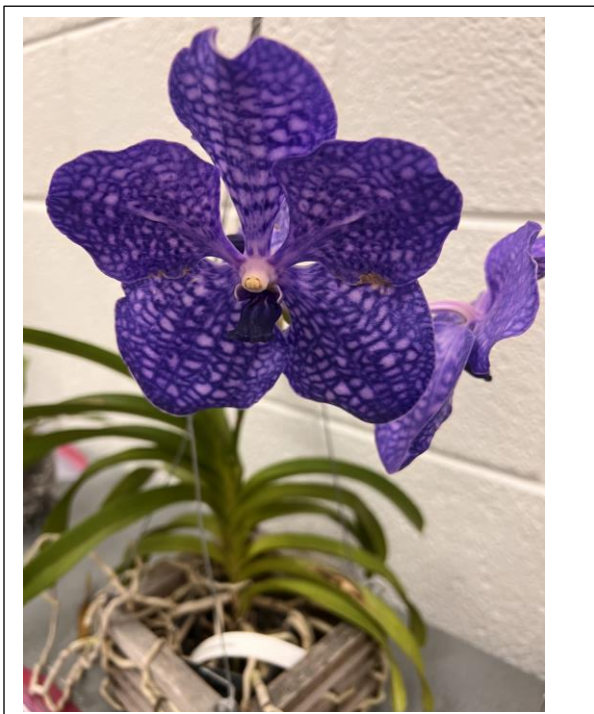
First	No entry	
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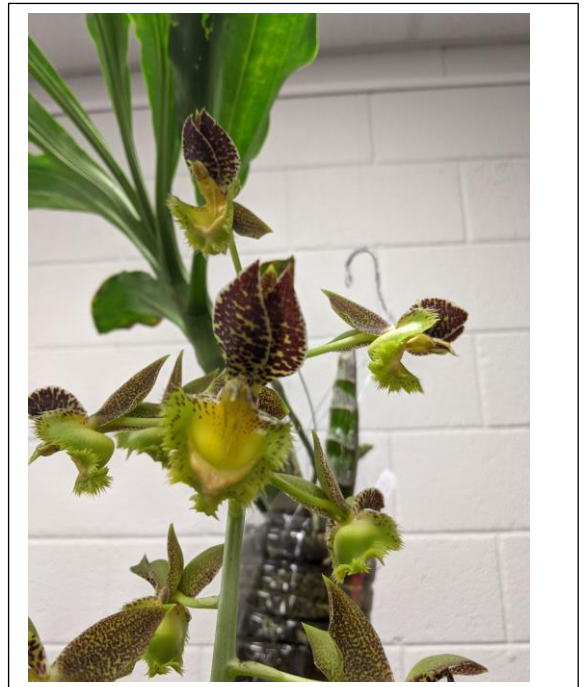
### **All Other rare, mini**

First	Aerangis Biloba x sib	Steve & Karen Tobiassen
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Member	Previous	October	Total
Christine Brueck	48	5	53
Karen Carson	5		5
Laura Elliott	76		76
Barb Flynn	30		30
Bob Heinisch	10		10
Jonathan Ibasco	124	20	140
Polly Kopka	38		38
Jim Lanier	20		20
Pam Layne	124	15	139
Grace Manaker	16		16
Kat McGrath	10		10
Brandy Morris	28		28
Laura Overstreet	41	13	54
Paula Paye	260		260
Joyce Pennock	108	8	116
Jane Ranney	20		20
Jeannie Richardson	5		5
Fritz Rhode	18		18
Carol Shores	8		8
Kelly Smith	59	20	79
Rebecca Taylor	18	5	23
Steve & Karen Tobiassen	106	25	131
John & Nancy Weatherington	44	13	57
Karen Zopf	10		10










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## Magical Lighting Exhibition Illuminates NC State University Arboretum

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RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA – For seven nights in November, the magical lighting exhibition *Moonlight in the Garden* will illuminate and showcase JC Raulston Arboretum at North Carolina State University.

Sold out every evening in 2018 and 2019 and on hiatus for the past two years, *Moonlight in the Garden* provides the only opportunity to access and experience the JC Raulston Arboretum after dark.

“*Moonlight in the Garden* is a chance for us to light up the garden and share what a magical place the Arboretum can be at night,” said Mark Weathington, director of the JC Raulston Arboretum. “The

lighting displays and the artistic uses of light show how different a garden looks and what can be done to make it an enchanting space into the night.”

Exhibition dates include a special Preview Night, with finger food and beverages, on Tuesday, November 8, 6:30-9:00 PM; plus, presentations on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights, November 10-12 and 17-19, with timed entries between 5:30 and 9:30 PM. [A limited number of tickets are available; click here to order.](#)

“Together with the colorful and festive lighting exhibition, *Moonlight in the Garden* is a time to bundle up, welcome the fall season, dine at the best food trucks, enjoy the live music, have some hot cider, and roast marshmallows over the fire pits,” said Weathington.



*Moonlight in the Garden* is a favorite for families looking for a multi-generational family-friendly event that brings together people of all ages to enjoy an evening in the garden. New this year will be the lighting of several dramatic stone sculptures by local artist Phil Hathcock and a series of Chinese lanterns in Asian Valley.

Advance tickets are \$20 for members of the Arboretum, \$30 for nonmembers, and \$5 for children under 12. All ticket sales are limited – online reservations are recommended. *Moonlight in the Garden* is sponsored by the North Carolina Agricultural Foundation and custom designed and installed by Southern Lights of Raleigh.

